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Column One  
By  
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THE people of Israel, today, will have their own thoughts and those of their leaders, to ponder. They will have no need of mine. But a word in season is something no columnist can withhold, even if he talks only to himself.

THE eighth anniversary of Israel's independence is, in a way, a unique occasion: that anniversary is unique in its fashion because few people find it hard to believe even now, and some others, of course, would like to rub it out of history and out of mind.

BUT here it is, the eighth anniversary. It takes not many years to make eight, and these have been fast-moving, agitated years, which, however, few as they may have been, are wedged almost visibly to historic centuries that began in the desert long ago and somehow have never been allowed by the Jews to fall back into the past.

NOR nowhere is truly ancient and crudely modern history brought into the daily routine of the present more convincingly than here. The eight years of Israel's Statehood are greatly incidents in the history of the Jews: physically more significant than spiritually because the spirit was never interrupted.

INDEPENDENCE days are wonderful things to have because it is always good to remember heroes, and independence is suddenly to take on the most stimulating national responsibility there.

BUT with each anniversary, when only a few have been and there are enemies round about, some people must ask the question: who there be another? And in finding the answer to that, the quality that makes the people great. The easy (and deceitful) answer is war; and the alternative to finding any answer at all, is to boast. The leaders of this country and most of the people know that it is in the armament struggle to fashion the armament out of plain work and decent thinking that the assurance of future anniversaries will be found.

BUT that is Israel's business, not mine except as a friendly spectator. I sometimes wish that I had an Independence Day of my own to celebrate. It seems such a blithesome thing to do. But the Minister agreed that this factor should be taken into consideration in weighing the situation.

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## Nehru, U Nu Confer On M-E Solution

By TED R. LURIE

The Prime Ministers of India and Burma, Pandit Nehru and U Nu, have been in contact on the post-solution of the Middle East crisis. This was told to me by the Foreign Minister of Thailand, Prince Wan, in an exclusive interview on the eve of my departure from Bangkok last Wednesday.

Prince Wan was referring to press reports that Abdul Nasser had written to Premier Nehru and U Nu requesting that some of the leading countries attempt to solve the Arab-Israel dispute.

The first reports of his move had emanated from Delhi, but could not be confirmed either there or in Rangoon. Prince Wan, however, told me that there had been an exchange of views between Abdul Nasser and Mr. Nehru, and that Nehru and U Nu had been in contact on the subject. It was too early to say any more, he said. I had just come to Bangkok from Rangoon, and nothing was known there of the meeting. In fact, the Foreign Minister, as well as most of his colleagues in the Burmese Cabinet, were away from the Capital most of the time, campaigning for the forthcoming elections.

**Hopes for Pacification** Prince Wan was hopeful that those moves by the Asian countries of the Bandung group, coupled with the present visit of the U.N. Secretary-General, would succeed in some measure of pacification. He said that it was apparent that the predicted peace had come to my mind last month to affect that this crisis would come to a head within the next two months had come true.

Asked if he did not think that it might be an additional stabilizing factor if Thailand's Minister to Israel, whose permanent seat is in Rome, were now to present his credentials to President Ben-Zvi, which procedure for some reason has been delayed for over a year, the Minister agreed that this factor should be taken into consideration in weighing the situation.

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## 8 Mystere IV Jets Are Here; Four to Follow

being given in Burma, but he said, "We have been spolt and we do not pay for the solution of the American disputes who come to assist us as Burma insists on doing."

Turning to Thailand's own problems of foreign affairs, in his specific areas Prince Wan said that relations with neighbouring Laos and Cambodia had improved and had begun very shortly to begin negotiations on their border problem. Moreover, he was still hopeful that the Cambodian would reach a better understanding of the real purpose of the Southeast Asia Pact. The Cambodians would realize that they could be neutral in the East-West conflict without being neutrals.

### Help for Thailand

Thailand, of course, received military and strategic assistance from the U.S., but he did not agree that there was any real distinction between military and economic aid to underdeveloped countries. If America helped in building strategic roads and bridges, these helped also to economic uses in helping up the economy of the country as well as their strategic usefulness in case of war.

The principal fields in which Thailand sought development were sugar estates, of textile plants, sugar refineries and communications, he said.

The example of India, to which some of the smaller countries of Asia were looking, was not a model for these countries, since India was very poor, and had her well-trained army and her own resources to provide steel and armaments. The smaller Asian nations, however, needed military aid for self-defence.

"Neutrality is not only a right but also an obligation," he said. "But neutrality in a form of neutrality in which you do not prepare for defence. We in Thailand would like to see the Cambodians adopt a policy of neutrality but not neutrality."

## Knesset Receives Menora As Symbol of British Friendship

The gigantic bronze Menora, gift of the British Speaker yesterday as twilight fell over Jerusalem and Independence Day was ushered in.

The Menora was presented to Mr. Sprinak by Mr. Clement Davies, Q.C., M.P., and Dr. Alec Lerner, chairman of the parliamentary committee which raised the funds for the gift.

The ceremony took place in the Knesset Garden, which recently was an empty lot but is now a welcome patch of green in the middle of town. Crowds surrounded the entrance and balconies and roofs of nearby buildings were filled with spectators.

Mr. Davies, leader of the British Party, said that the Menora was a symbol of friendship from the representatives of a people whose links with Israel — despite occasional differences — were close and strong.

Dr. Lerner, who spoke in Hebrew, said that the British people in the State of Israel a solid fortress of democracy whose principles would surely take root in the Middle East.

Mr. Sprinak noted that the original Menora which adorned the Temple was seized by the Romans who conquered and destroyed the sanctuary.

The image of the Menora had never ceased to illuminate our path through all our wanderings until our own days.

"Shall Forever Live." "Israel shall not be shamed," Mr. Davies declared. "Israel shall not be allowed to suffer alone. Israel shall not be a victim of aggression. Israel lives and shall forever live."

The ideal of the brotherhood of man was the sure nose of our generation, Mr. Davies said. Now was the time to realize the dream of the world. "We can ignore the voice of the God of Israel, but then we shall certainly perish."

Mr. Davies was preceded by the British Ambassador, Sir John Nicholls, who, departing

We deeply mourn the death of our dear friend

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## Nation Honours Dead, Is Dedicated To Preparedness on 8th Independence Day

### B-G Warns Aggressors: Army Will Give Two Blows for One

A stern warning that the nation may face, in the ninth year of its statehood, "a supreme test, graver and more difficult than that which we faced successfully eight years ago," was issued by the Prime Minister in his Independence Day broadcast yesterday evening.

But he coupled this with the assurance that "our soldiers will give back the aggressors two blows for one, as they have done before."

Mr. Ben-Gurion accompanied his presentation of the political crisis with a review of the cultural and economic accomplishments of the past year, particularly in Negro settlement.

The text of Mr. Ben-Gurion's address:

At the outset of our Independence Day Festival, let us give first place, in the midst of our joy, to the memory of the heroes of the War of Independence like that of the Arab nations around us. The rise of Israel was born of the great prophetic vision, which was proclaimed from the hills of Jerusalem and the Jordan, which Egypt, Jordan and Syria have been treacherously waging against us ever since then, in breach of the Armistice Agreement.

It may be that in the ninth year of our renewed independence we shall have to face a supreme test, graver and more difficult than that which we faced successfully eight years ago. For our enemies are preparing for war against us; yet we go and cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."

There was no helplessness or despair in our hearts when we faced our enemies, nor will there be. We shall face them again. We shall not fear the ambushes of the murderous gangs despatched by the Egyptian dictator, nor will the hosts of Amalek, from the South, the East and the North, who are now concentrating on the other side of our borders, be able to subdue us. These open enemies will meet the strength and courage of the Israel Defence Forces, and our soldiers will give back the aggressors two blows for one, as they have done before. We shall not be misled by the political intrigues of concealed enemies and pretend-

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### Today's Postbag

**THE WEATHER**  
FORECAST: Party cloudy in the North and fair in the South, partly cloudy and becoming fair in the Center.

Mt. Carmel	22	23	24	25
Tiberias	22	23	24	25
Gaza Port	22	23	24	25
Nahariya	22	23	24	25
Tel Aviv Port	22	23	24	25
Lydda Airport	22	23	24	25
Jerusalem	22	23	24	25
Haifa	22	23	24	25

"A" Minimum at 2 p.m. "B" Minimum temp. "C" Maximum temp. "D" Maximum temp. recorded today.

### ARRIVALS

Mr. Ehud Avriel, Mapai M.K. from Yugoslavia, where he attended the Council of the Interparliamentary Union; Mr. B. Duvdevani, head of the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency, after a two-week visit in France, Morocco, and Algeria, for the Department; Mr. Tewfik Touha, Commissioner, after attending the World Peace Conference in Stockholm; (all by El Al); Mr. Gustave Vlasov, Secretary for Labour Affairs of the Council of the Yugoslav Federation, for a 10-day visit as guest of the Minister of Labour; Mr. S. A. Schoenfeld for a visit; Mr. Fleischman, head of the Max Factor Cosmetics Firm, with his wife, for a 10-day visit; Mrs. M. Benjam, President of the Mizrahi Women's Organization of Canada, for a three-month tour; Mr. J. A. Meyers, all Amplus importers from the U.S. for the Independence Day celebrations; Mr. Jacob G. Gompers and Mr. H. Levinson of Amsterdam; Mr. John Lewis of Antwerp, and Mr. and Mrs. Pier Toledo, on a one-day tour of the country, on behalf of the Bank Borsig.

### DEPARTURES

Mr. Yaakov Tsur, Israel Ambassador to France, after a nine-day official visit; Dr. Yosef Shabtai, Adalah Headmaster M.K., to the U.S. on a one-month N.Y.A. mission; Mr. Waldemar Frank, after a four-week visit as guest of the Government, (by El Al); the Italian Ambassador, Sandro Cognetti, moreover di Consalvi, to Argentina, where he will take part in the meeting of Italian envoys to Middle East countries; Mr. Djouan Radhi, the Turkish ambassador, after a 10-day visit, during which he conducted the Jerusalem Palestine Conference; (by L.A.L); Dr. Haye Hartog, Director of the Congregation, Chinese Department of the Tel Hashomer Hospital, for Argentina, on a mission for the Ministry of Health, in connection with the polio epidemic there.

### Personal Notices

Michael and Wanda Bacher  
Alfred and Grete Oster  
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Eleanor Borchow  
Helene Schlesinger  
(nee Borchow)  
Hannah Schlesinger

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**LORA BORCHOW**

our deep sympathy and sincere condolences on the death of your husband, our friend

**Alexander Borchow**

Shkurtowsky Family

## Public Gets Peek at Israel-Made Arms Mine Field Roped Off

### Young People Live Up T.A.

Jerusalem Post Staff

The absence of the main military parade this year seemed to leave Tel Aviv yesterday empty of Independence Day spirit, and the siren which marked the end of Remembrance Day and the beginning of "National Freedom Day" found people in Allenby Road — the enjoyment barometer of the city — no merrier than on an ordinary Saturday night.

The deadly concentration of destructiveness ranged from tiny bullets to mammals-size aerial bombs. Four of the latter were on view of the public, and the display, as far as I could see, was dismal. A camouflage net was spread over part of the exhibition as though to deceive enemy bombers that might stray onto the target.

On show was a variety of aerial bombs. Tank-stopping bombs, anti-aircraft shells, mortar shells up to 120 mm., neatly wrapped in plastic bags, smoke bombs and other pyrotechnic devices used in night fighting, and rifle grenades were spread out neatly at the western end of the exhibit.

### Area Roped Off

In the centre grounds a mine-field was planted and surrounded over by a skyward-facing 125 mm. gun. The area was roped off and signs warned "Danger, Mines."

The heavier equipment, not made in Israel but used to round off the display, attracted the attention of the hundreds who visited it in the opening hours as did the "Made in Israel" products. They included a Sherman tank, the new light, low-silhouetted French tank with the Kiryat Shaul and Nahal Yitzhak military cemeteries.

The impressive display was attractively arranged. Visual aids, photographs, maps and machineries broken down into parts are vividly exhibited. The production of a mortarmobile, a small aircraft weapon, is eye-catching.

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**THE EIGHTH YEAR OF OUR STATE** was as grim and difficult a period of crisis as we have experienced since the

**THE STATE** new Israel stands firm was born out of battle and heroism on the 5th of Iyar, 5708. Much of the year was spent under the shadow of imminent war; with aggression growing on all the borders, with the invertebrate Arab enemies organizing more closely and declaring their intention of eradicating Israel more easily. It was also a period of threatening isolation of Israel which became even more clearly marked as her request for defensive weapons remained unheeded.

But as the external pressures upon Israel increased so also the morale of the people stiffened to meet them. When the South became an open field for Egyptian murder gangs, new immigrants showed that they were made of the same stuff as those who fought the Arab armies in 1948. Such heroism and resolve have indeed been the imperishable heritage of all the tribes of Israel wherever they have been scattered over the world and the centuries. If it were not always apparent before, it only needed the stimulus of homecoming to become gloriously manifest.

It was a year of continuous mounting immigration, distinguished by the renewed danger to the Jews of North Africa and the quick response of Israel last summer to accept new tax burdens and the other responsibilities which their coming would entail. In the field of absorption the eighth year of the State saw the development and continuation of the new "skin-to-village" immigration, the progress in the establishment of the modern type of grouped rural settlements and the implementation of the large Jewish Agency programme for the consolidation and fortification of existing settlements, to which a great voluntary citizen effort also largely contributed.

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One undiluted, unalloyed beam of light shone through the year that has passed. This was the firmness and enthusiasm with which the Jews of the Diaspora in all the free lands rallied to the support of the beleaguered State. They were strong in their practical support and dauntless in their political efforts as well.

And so as a new year of independence begins Israel looks forward with sober confidence to her future; for her people are standing firm. That was the pledge taken yesterday by the nation as it stood in sombre remembrance by the graves of those who gave their lives in the initial struggle eight years ago. And the Jewish world too has proven once again how unbreakable is the chain which makes world Jewry one and indivisible.

### FREIGHT RATES UP ACROSS ATLANTIC

The Lines of the North Atlantic Israel Eastbound Freight Conference have decided to increase the freight rates from the U.S. to Israel by 20 per cent, effective from July 1 next. The Jerusalem Post is informed.

# EIGHT YEARS OF SOCIAL PROGRESS

By ITZHAK KANEV  
Director, Social Research Institute

**WITHOUT** substantial help from abroad, a world bettering today neither the doubling — and more — of Israel's population nor the doubling — and more — of her national production in the space of eight years. But now would we be celebrating them were it not for a general policy directed at stamping out poverty, disease and ignorance. The social standard of a country is the surest guarantee of its material advance.

Society as well as material,

which we have set for ourselves. We have some unemployment; integration be-

tween the various communities could progress faster; attempts to boost productivity have not been crowned with full success. On the other hand our occupational structure is gradually improving, especially with regard to the growing proportion of our population engaged in agriculture.

On this eighth Independence Day it is fitting to take stock of one of our strands that make up the chain of national welfare — standard of living and real income, reproduction and mortality, disease incidence, food supply and production, standards of education, housing and building, working conditions, labour relations and social insurance.

**LIFE EXPECTANCY AMONG HIGHEST IN WORLD**

The Jewish population of Israel has grown in eight years from 500,000 to 1.8m. Of this increase of 900,000, 710,000 are accounted for by the arrival, up to the end of 1953, of 773,000 immigrants, most of whom came from backward countries, as against the departure of some 25,000 emigrants.

Two hundred thousand inhabitants have been added to Israel in these past eight years through natural increase. In 1953, the rate of natural increase among the Jewish population was 21.4 per thousand, against 18.1 in the U.S., 5.8 in France and 4.5 in Sweden in 1952. Our reproduction rate of 1.77 is the highest among developed countries, compared with 1.86 in New Zealand, 1.82 in the U.S., 1.69 in Britain and 1.62 in Sweden.

The infant mortality rate is one of the best reliable indices of a country's social welfare. The Jewish population of the country succeeded in reducing it from 130 per thousand in 1929 to 50 per thousand in 1947. Mass immigration brought about a further reduction to 81 per thousand in 1949-50, and in the meantime it reached the grave figure of 140 deaths per 1,000 live

### ENDEMIC DISEASES

**HEALTH** standards in Israel are higher not only than those of any Asian or African country but also of many a European state. After a slight retreat during the years of mass immigration, the incidence of disease is now back to normal. The various endemic diseases were common in the Twenties and are still widespread in the rest of the Middle East, to-day have almost completely disappeared.

During the existence of Israel alone the incidence of malaria has fallen from 0.5 cases per thousand of population, and these 0.2 cases along the frontier, where our neighbours refuse to cooperate with us in anti-malaria activities. The first-rate medical attention given to hundreds of thousands of immigrants has almost entirely stamped out trachoma, blindness and various endemic skin diseases.

Thanks to the efforts of health institutions and to the latest antibiotics, success has been particularly marked against the older of the diseases contributed.

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**WAY DOWN TO CHAOS** was the name given by the boys and girls from Tel Aviv to this shelter, so deep that going down into it took feet off your toes coming out of the anteroom. It was still light, and the six-and-a-half hours they spent inside it was their baptism of fire.



A First in the annals of social progress is registered here by Mrs. Rachel Mizrachi, a Jerusalem mother receiving the first maternity grant in Israel's history from the Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Meirson, two years ago this month.

Births. The rapid measures taken to deal with this success followed by 1954 in bringing the rate down to 32 per thousand compared with 45 in Belgium, 36 in France, 35 in Canada and 32 in Great Britain; and the position continues to improve.

Israel's general mortality rate is the lowest in the world, largely owing to the large number of young people in the country. In 1953, it stood at 2.8 deaths per thousand, against 2.9 in the U.S., 3.7 in Sweden, 11.2 in Britain and 12.9 in France in 1952.

Our life expectancy figures, however, also place us on a par with the developed countries. Among the Jewish population, life expectancy in 1953 was 70.5 years for men and 70.5 years for women. This figure approximates the position in the U.S. and is better than in France, Finland and Switzerland. Only the figures for New Zealand and the British Isles stand out as longer life expectancy.

The ratios of physicians and hospital beds to the total population are among the most important indices of a country's health standards. As far as the relative number of physicians is concerned,

### TELLING POLICY MUST TAKE ACCOUNT OF HABITS

As far as food and nutrition are concerned, Israel belongs in the upper range of the world's medium-consuming nations. Average daily caloric intake rose from 2,800 in 1948-50 to 3,075 in 1954 (France—2,800; Greece—2,800; Italy—2,800).

A country classified as a high food consumer generally takes in over 3,000 calories per inhabitant. Now Israel's average is 3,300, and Denmark's is 3,200. In England, the figure is 40. France 31.9, Britain 29, Denmark 2.7 and 1.8. While in 1953 new cases of tuberculosis were discovered for every 1,000 Israelis, by 1953 the figure was down to 0.7.

An appreciable number of immigrants during the past years have been pulmonary cases, but hospitalization and medical care have worked well. The tubercular mortality rate among immigrants from the Yemen, for example, fell from 10.2 to 1 per 10,000 between 1950 and 1954.

As far as the consumption

of animal proteins, vitamins and minerals goes, we also belong to the world's medium average consumers, and there is much room for improvement.

Ever since Israel was born,

she has been going down steadily, and in this sense building alone has accounted for some sectors of the population to 150,000 housing units, of which 40,000 were for settlers on the land.

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dwellers has gone down steadily, and in this sense building has done its part in meeting the needs of immigration. Many difficulties, however, still stand in the way of liquidating the surplus labour and the slums and at the same time housing both classes of destitute immigrants and the country's natural increase.

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